

Episode13

Cultural Analysis 文化解析

The 5W1H--who, what, when, where, why, and how—is a concept that originated from news writing, and is now commonly used for information-gathering. That is why Nana suggests the team start with finding answers to the six questions about the Harvest Festival.

When people engage in brainstorming or group discussions, it is common as well as polite to offer one's opinion by saying "I guess we can...." or "I suggest that...." Another way of making suggestions is to turn the wording into a question like "Shall we do this, or maybe do that?"

If you agree with someone's suggestions, you can use several different expressions. Say, for example, "Good point!" or "Good idea!" or "Great!" to show your approval. This usually encourages more lively discussion among team members.

If you do not agree with someone, however, it is all right to say so. Make sure that it is done in a polite way. For instance, you probably should acknowledge his or her opinion by saying "I see the point that you are making," or "you have a good point there," before you offer your contrary views or alternative ideas.

College students in Taiwan are used to conducting group work, wherein a number of students work together on a team project. Group work, as an example of collaborative learning, is believed to help build **team spirit** (團隊精神) among the

members. Usually the team will be required to either write a report or make an [oral presentation](#) (口頭報告) as the result of their joint work at the end of the semester.

In this case, as Cooper and Dean talk about using media such as music and videos, and as Nana offers to make the PowerPoint slides, we can tell that they are preparing for an oral presentation to the class.

